



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. **04-348, CD1, FD1**
(Waimanalo Gulch)

RESOLUTION

SELECTING A SITE FOR A NEW CITY LANDFILL.

WHEREAS, by order of the state land use commission, the city council was required to select a site for a new city landfill no later than June 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2004, the city council petitioned and received from the state land use commission an extension of the deadline to select a site for a new city landfill by December 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the mayor appointed a blue ribbon advisory committee ("blue ribbon committee") on landfill site selection, which was directed to recommend a new landfill site to the council by December 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the blue ribbon committee sent its report on landfill site selection to the council on December 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the final report recommended four possible sites for a new landfill, Maili, Makaiwa, Nanakuli B and Ameron Quarry; and

WHEREAS, the state office of information practices ("OIP") concluded, in an opinion dated January 13, 2004, that the blue ribbon committee's final report was void, due to violations of the state's sunshine law; and

WHEREAS, since the blue ribbon committee's report is merely advisory, and because OIP found the committee's report to be void, the council believes it is not restricted to selecting a new landfill site from the blue ribbon committee's list of recommended sites; and

WHEREAS, the council's public works and economic development committee was assigned the responsibility of reviewing potential landfill sites and recommending a site to the full council for approval; and

WHEREAS, while the council must select a landfill site, it recognizes that there are promising new waste disposal methods and processes for its municipal solid waste, such as plasma arc, plasma torch, and plasma gasification and vitrification technologies, off-island shipping, grinding to reduce volume, binding with concrete to produce building materials and many others, that have shown the ability to reduce or eliminate the amount of solid waste going into landfills; and



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WHEREAS, the city's proposed island-wide recycling program, together with the use of emerging new waste disposal technologies, have the potential of greatly reducing the amount of waste going into our landfill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the City and County of Honolulu that the city must employ sustainability concepts in the handling of its municipal solid waste so that the maximum recyclable materials, energy and alternative products are extracted before any waste is placed in our landfills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council will work with the incoming mayor and his administration to devote all available resources to ensuring the maximum use of recycling and the development of alternative technologies for disposal of municipal solid waste with the intention to effectively eliminate, to the extent possible, the need for a landfill by 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the council, and in accordance with the conditions set forth by the state land use commission, that the Waimanalo Gulch site is selected as the site for the city's landfill because:

- (1) The site currently has over 15 years capacity left with further expansion, and this capacity can be further extended should the city be successful in reducing the amount of waste currently entering the landfill through recycling and the use of new technologies;
- (2) The city already owns the property and the infrastructure is already in place, making the site the most economical and least expensive to develop and maintain as a landfill;
- (3) Other sites will require a large capital outlay by the city to acquire the land through condemnation and to develop and construct the site and required supporting infrastructure;
- (4) A landfill management contract is already in place for 15 years;
- (5) This is the only site where the costs and revenues for a landfill are known factors; and



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- (6) The current landfill operator is committed to implementing necessary improvements to landfill operations to address community concerns regarding visual impact, odors, airborne waste, litter and dust control;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city administration is requested to immediately contact the planning commission, the state department of health and state land use commission to satisfy any necessary requirements for the use of the selected landfill site; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the state land use commission, the state department of health, the mayor, the managing director, the director of the department of environmental services, and the city planning commission.

INTRODUCED BY:

Rod Tam

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

November 12, 2004

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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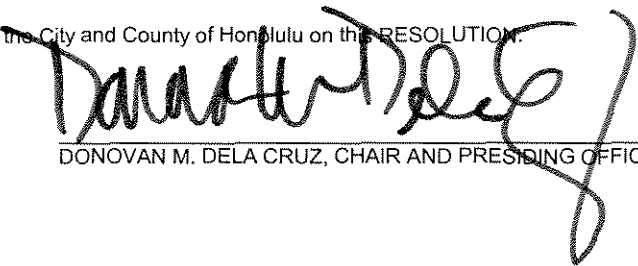
PWED	11/19/04	CR-514 – Resolution reported out of committee for adoption as amended in CD1 form.
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Council	12/1/04	CR-514 & Resolution (CD1, FD1) adopted.
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Cachoia	Y	Dela Cruz	Y	Djou.....	N	Gabbard.....	N	Garcia.....	N
Kobayashi.....	Y	Marshall.....	Y	Okino.....	Y	Tam.....	Y		

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER